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News



Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Lab Dedicated

Cal Poly hosted a dedication and open house for the Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Lab on Oct. 22. The privately funded laboratory is the final component of a multi-year building project for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. The lab, next to the new Construction Innovations Center, will serve as an interdisciplinary learning site for all five departments in the college.

[More on the dedication](#)

Center for Entrepreneurship Opens with a Forum

The Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship marked its official opening Oct. 22 with a forum showcasing student ideas and projects at the new Cal Poly Technology Park. More than 100 student entrepreneurs, alumni, faculty, community members and media representatives gathered to encourage student innovators and learn more about the new center. Student entrepreneurs were invited to show off their innovations with tabletop displays and make brief pitches to the crowd.

[More on the center](#)

Cal Poly Rose Float Headed South

The Cal Poly Rose Float is heading south in preparation for the 2011 Tournament of Roses Parade - and Rose Float teams on two campuses are asking for help securing enough yellow roses to decorate a 10-foot planet. The theme of this year's creation is "Galactic Expedition." Cal Poly Rose Float Club students and their counterparts at California State Polytechnic University Pomona have worked together every year since 1949 to produce the only student-built floral float for the Tournament of Roses Parade.

[Details on the 2011 Cal Poly Rose Float](#)



Six Alumni to Be Honored at Homecoming This Weekend

Cal Poly will recognize six distinguished alumni and President Emeritus Warren J. Baker at Homecoming on Oct. 29 during the 2010 Honored Alumni Awards and Grand Reunion Banquet. The university's 2010 Honored Alumni are Kenneth Q. Volk III (B.S., Fruit Science, '83), James E. Grant (B.S., Construction Management, '80), George Famalett (B.S., Business Administration, '86),



Ronald S. Smith (B.S., Electronic Engineering, '83), Hiroki Asai (B.A., Applied Art and Design, '92), and John T. McDevitt (B.S., Chemistry, '82).

[Details on Honored Alumni](#)

Gen. Stanley McChrystal to Speak at Cal Poly Dec. 2

Retired Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, a pivotal leader in U.S. military operations in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2009, will appear as part of Cal Poly Arts' lecture series Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. McChrystal, a four-star general, will speak on America's global role and its security issues in a lecture titled "The State of International Affairs and the Security Challenges Facing America."

[More on the McChrystal event](#)



Faculty and Staff



Professor Wins Award for Advancing Women in Academia

Cal Poly Professor and City and Regional Planning Department Head Hemalata Dandekar has received the Margarita McCoy Award from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP). The award is presented to academic professionals who have made an outstanding contribution toward the advancement of women in planning at institutions of higher education through service, teaching, and/or research.

[More on Dandekar](#)

Change in Reporting Lines for Two Campus Offices

A change in the reporting line for the Employment Equity Officer position, as well as the Associate Vice President for Inclusive Excellence and Director of Ombuds Services positions have been approved by the President and Provost. Effective immediately, both offices will report the findings of their activities directly to the Office of the President.

Retirement Reception for Lynne Nagahara is Oct. 28

Lynne Nagahara is retiring after 31 years of service to Cal Poly. The Liberal Studies Department invites the campus community to a reception in her honor Thursday, Oct. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Fisher Science, Room 285. Nagahara began her Cal Poly career in the Office of Academic Records in fall 1979, became the evaluator for the College of Liberal Arts in 2000 and has been serving as the ASC for Liberal Studies since 2005. Please join us as we honor Lynne.

Three 'Savings Plus' Program Financial Planning Workshops Set for Oct. 28

The Savings Plus program is a long-term savings program designed to supplement employee retirement income. There are two deferred compensation plans available for eligible employees: a Thrift Plan (IRC 401k) and a Deferred Compensation Plan (IRC 457). Both plans offer convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. To be eligible to enroll in these plans, employees must be a state CalPERS member. Three one-hour financial planning workshops on the Savings Plus program are set for Thursday, Oct. 28, in Building 36, Room 105.

10 a.m. - Planning Your Financial Future

For those who do not currently contribute to the Savings Plus Program, come to this seminar to learn how tax deferred savings

will help you reach your retirement goals. This presentation demonstrates the benefits of saving for retirement, the advantage of tax-deferred savings, and how to enroll in Savings Plus Program.

11 a.m. - Asset Allocation

For many already enrolled or planning to enroll in the Savings Plus Program, the question becomes "Where do I put my money?" This seminar focuses on asset allocation and how to choose an investment strategy that best fits individual time horizons and risk tolerance.

1 p.m. - Approaching Retirement

For those nearing retirement, this class focuses on how to maximize contributions during the final years of employment, how to manage money in retirement and how to calculate retirement income needs.

Those who are unable to attend but would like more information regarding the Savings Plus program can e-mail spptraining2@dpa.ca.gov, call 866-566-4777 or visit the [Savings Plus Program web site](#).

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge. The intent of the program is strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline for faculty to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2011-12 year is Jan. 21, 2011. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and [Graduate Programs web site](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Campus Announcements

Facility Services Now Accessible on Portal

The campus community can now submit non-emergency requests to Facility Services using the Single-Click Access panel on the Cal Poly Portal. Look for "Facility Services: Requests and Notifications" to submit non-emergency requests for facility-related services and to view work order status and work order detail costs. Facility Services notifications of campus outages, road closures, and disruptions will be listed on the site as well.

Requests may still be submitted by email to facserv@calpoly.edu, by mail to Facility Services, or by phone at ext. 6-5555. Facility Services will continue to send notification information to building coordinators and other involved parties. For more information, contact Leigh Ramirez at ext. 6-5221.

Save Some Money, Join a Vanpool

Prices at the pump got you down? Join a vanpool. For more information and to join a vanpool, contact Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.

Help ASI Staff Choose Equipment for the Expanded Rec Center

Faculty and staff are invited to test new cardio and fitness machines that will be purchased for the expanded Recreation Center. There are more than a dozen different types of machines labeled with pink numbers for faculty and staff to demo. After trying the machines, complete a short survey located near the Rec Center exit. For more information, contact the Rec Center front desk at ext. 6-1366 or visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/ASISRecreationalSports>

Holiday Hams are On Sale Now



It's that time of year. Cal Poly student-produced Holiday Hams are now on sale. Our fully cooked hams are custom prepared using Cal Poly's special blend to ensure you receive the finest product possible. All hams are cured to enhance natural flavor and improve tenderness. The hams are then slow cooked and smoked with a natural hardwood smoke. Hams are vacuum packaged and ready for the holidays. Whole and half hams are available for \$3.25 per pound. We are offering a limited number of Holiday Hams. To ensure your ham is reserved for this holiday season, place your order as soon as possible.



Career Services to Host Grad School Week Oct. 25 – 28

Open to all students, faculty and staff, Grad School Week activities include: panel discussion focused on how to get into grad school; workshops on various graduate school-related topics; and free practice entrance exams. Representatives from various campuses will host information tables in the UU. To learn more, visit: http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/students/job_fairs/grad_school.htm.

Poly Escapes Gear Swap Today and Thursday

Buy and sell used outdoor equipment. Drop off used gear at Poly Escapes on the first floor of the UU, Oct. 27-28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. You set the price, we sell it for you and you get the cash. Poly Escapes will also be selling retired rental equipment. It's a great way to get high-quality equipment at affordable prices. Call ext. 6-1287 for more details, or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu.

Provost and Registrar Offices to Hold Forums on Policy Revisions

The Offices of the Provost and Registrar will hold several follow-up forums to discuss, in detail, the new and revised policies announced Sept. 30. Faculty, academic department staff, and college advisers are encouraged the final two of four scheduled sessions, as each one addresses a different policy.

- **"Prerequisite Project"** is set for Thursday, Oct. 28 from 11 a.m. to noon in UU 220, or Friday, Nov. 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. in UU 220. Plan to attend one session and learn about the Prerequisite Project, an initiative approach to support student success in the courses in which they enroll. The project is being implemented in two phases and will result in course requirements being consistently enforced in the system during registration. In addition to a general overview of the project, some of the more detailed logistics will be discussed concerning what happens when a student tries to enroll in a course for which they do not meet requirements.

- **"Academic Probation/Disqualification (AP/DQ)"** is set for Friday, Oct. 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Phillips Hall. A cleaner, more refined AP/DQ policy has been created. Join us to learn about this revised policy and how it will affect students.



Mark S. Reuling Volleyball Tourney is Friday

ASI is once again partnering with Health Services for the annual Mark S. Reuling 6x6 Grass Volleyball tournament. The tournament takes place this Friday, Oct. 29 on Dexter Lawn. The event is guaranteed fun and renews old rivalries, while promoting campus awareness of depression and bipolar disorders. The Staff Division plays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and the Student Division is from 1 to 4 p.m. The parents of Mark S. Reuling created a memorial endowment to honor their son, who lost his life to bipolar disorder. All proceeds are designated to create education and prevention programs for students, faculty and staff regarding bipolar disorders and depression. Register today at



<http://connect.asi.calpoly.edu>

Corporation Board Meeting is Friday

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting Friday, Oct. 29 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For more information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Bonnie Murphy at ext 6-1131.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for Nov. 6

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Performing Arts Center. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Zimbra 6 "Tips and Tricks" Forum Set for November 10

ITS invites faculty and staff to attend a "Tips and Tricks" forum on Zimbra e-mail and calendar from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, in UU 220. Forum content is based on specific feedback from academic and administrative units across campus about how the Zimbra upgrade can help you be more productive. Questions and suggestions are welcome from all attendees.

Get Your Green On!

A groundswell of spirit is bubbling up at Cal Poly. The Mustang Maniacs, with support from Athletics and El Corral Bookstore, are urging students, faculty and staff to **Get Your Green On!** every Thursday. The goal is to celebrate Cal Poly's rich traditions, support all our student-athletes and show our pride for Cal Poly. We want to SEE a SEA of Green every Thursday and at every athletics event! Visit the [Cal Poly Spirit Page](#), and stay tuned for more spirit events.

Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale or rent.



Campus Dining Has a New Web Site

Visit the new [Campus Dining web site](#) for all your Cal Poly dining needs. With online ordering features, complete menu listings, sustainability facts, and more, this one-stop portal will help simplify your life.

Wear Green and Save 10 Percent on Food with Campus Dining

Here's another great reason to show your Cal Poly pride. Wear your Cal Poly green shirt or sweatshirt on Thursdays and receive 10 percent off prepared food purchases at Campus Market, the Avenue and Curbside Grill. To qualify, wear a green shirt with a Cal Poly logo. This special discount begins Thursday, Oct. 28. Offer excludes clothing, school supplies and groceries.

Passings/In Memoriam

Gerry Mueller

Gerry Mueller, long-time employee in the President's Office, passed away Sept. 26, 2010. Gerry worked at Cuesta College prior to joining the support staff at the Cal Poly President's office in 1984. She retired in February 2008. A dedicated employee, she was beloved by her coworkers and colleagues and will be remembered for her radiant smile. Gerry is survived by her husband, Jay; son, Erik Mueller (Jenny Garcia) of Petaluma, Calif.; daughter, Michelle "Miki" Allen (Ken) and grandchildren Kayla and Colby.

Allen of Novato, Calif. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Nov. 6. E-mail lovetokayak@charter.net for information. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Los Osos Library, www.losososlibraryfriends.org.

Events



Pick a Pumpkin, Get a Scare at the Cal Poly Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze This Weekend

Fall is here, and Halloween is right around the corner. Let the Cal Poly Crops Club help you get ready with pumpkins, gourds and a good scare. Pick your own pumpkin or gourd in the Cal Poly Pumpkin Patch, open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Friday and Saturday evenings Oct. 29-30, the Crops Club is offering its haunted corn maze. From 5 p.m. to dusk the maze offers fun for the whole family – little kids included. From dusk until 10 p.m. the maze gets scarier for students and adults. To get to the pumpkin patch and corn maze, take the Highland Drive entrance to campus, turn left on Mt. Bishop Road and follow the signs to field 25.

Contact cpcropsclub@gmail.com for more information, including ticket prices.

Cal Poly MultiCultural Center Presents Latino Heritage Fashion Show Oct. 27

Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center and Student Life and Leadership will present a Latino-inspired fashion show in celebration of Latino Heritage Month on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. in UU 220. Latin American countries celebrate independence during of September and October. See how Cal Poly celebrates its first ever Fashion Show.

[More on the fashion show](#)

Hear Humorist David Sedaris Talk Pretty Oct. 28

Cal Poly Arts presents Grammy-nominated American humorist, writer, comedian, best selling author and radio contributor David Sedaris on Thursday, Oct. 28 in the Cohan Center. Showtime is 8 p.m. The great skill with which he slices through cultural euphemisms and political correctness proves that Sedaris is a master of satire and one of the most acerbic and observant writers addressing the human condition today. The author and famed NPR personality shares his latest work in a solo speaking engagement.

[Details on Sedaris at www.calpolyarts.org](http://www.calpolyarts.org).

CLA to Host Lisa Taraki Oct. 29

The College of Liberal Arts and the History Department will host a public lecture by Lisa Taraki, an associate professor of sociology and former dean of Graduate Studies at Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine. The free and open event takes place Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall of the Performing Arts Center and is titled "Education in Palestine: Past, Present and Future." Taraki is a member of the board of directors of Al-Haq, an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organization based in Ramallah. Her research and publications have focused on the Palestinian national movement, Islamist politics, gender relations in the Middle East and Palestine, urban social history, and the system of informal justice in Palestine. For more information, contact the History Department at ext. 6-2068 or Manzar Foroohar at ext. 6-2068.



Homecoming 2010 Set For Oct. 29-30



Cal Poly's Homecoming 2010 is set for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29-30, and alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff and the community are all invited! The Cal Poly Honored Alumni awards and banquet will be held Friday, Oct. 29, in Chumash Auditorium. On Saturday, Oct. 30, the Cal Poly Mustangs will face the Saint Francis Red Flash in Spanos Stadium. Enjoy the annual Homecoming Tailgate Barbecue and Wine Tasting on the O'Neil Green before the game. Get tickets early; both events sell out in advance of the game every year.

[Get details, tickets and more on the Homecoming Web site at
www.homecoming.calpoly.edu](http://www.homecoming.calpoly.edu)

Play Loteria In the Plaza Nov. 2 with Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center

Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center and Student Life and Leadership will present Loteria with a Dia De Los Muertos Twist in celebration of Latino Heritage Month from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 2 in the University Union Plaza. Loteria is similar to American bingo. Participants can win prizes, make crafts, have fun and learn a little bit of Spanish. Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a time to celebrate the lives of family members who have passed on.

[More on Loteria In the Plaza](#)

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102182 – Administrative Assistant, Administrative Support Assistant II, Student Affairs, University Housing, \$2,505 - \$3,758 per month. Closes: Nov. 2, 2010.

#102183 – Facilities Worker II, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, temporary, full-time, 6-month position, two positions available, \$3,937 - \$4,949 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 4, 2010.

#102186 – Operating Systems Analyst, Career, Information Technology Services - LAN Server Services, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month, Hiring range: \$4,314 - \$7,224 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.

#102187 – Pre-Doctoral Intern, Helper Aid, Student Affairs, Health & Counseling Services, three positions, temporary through June 30, 2012, \$18,000 stipend over 12 months (\$1,500 per month). Closes: Nov. 16, 2010.

#102194 – Assistant Vice Provost for University Advising, Administrator III, Academic Affairs, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 22, 2010.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to view detailed information about the following vacancies, and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102191 – Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Administrator III, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 3, 2010.

#102185 – Interim Chief of Staff, President's Office (internal search open to current Cal Poly employees only), Administrator III, Office of the President, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 1, 2010.

#102181 – Vice President for University Advancement, Administrator IV, University Advancement, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 22, 2010.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

There are no new openings at this time.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

There are no new openings at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Head Teacher - \$37,440 per year. Closes: Nov. 5, 2010

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